

Roll Call No. 231; and NAY on Roll Call No. 232.

### DOGS OF HONOR

#### HON. JEFFERSON VAN DREW

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mr. VAN DREW. Madam Speaker, this month, I had the pleasure of attending the New Jersey Dogs of Honor graduation in Maurice River Township, South Jersey. New Jersey Dogs of Honor started with a dog named Gunnar, who was the service dog of Diana Pitman, a former army nurse dealing with post-traumatic stress. Through Gunnar, Diana learned first-hand how a service dog can change a veteran's life. Diana then collaborated with Ted's Pet Country Club and Patti and Gordon Gross to establish New Jersey Dogs of Honor. Since then, these service dogs have been changing the lives of veterans in the South Jersey community by performing tasks to help veterans with disabilities. At the graduation this month, Meet, King, and Maggie all graduated and will now accompany three of our nation's veterans. God Bless both these dogs and veterans, and God Bless our United States of America.

#### HONORING UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA'S PRESIDENT DR. FUCHS

#### HON. KAT CAMMACK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mrs. CAMMACK. Madam Speaker, I honor the service of Dr. Kent Fuchs, the 12th President of the University of Florida, who will be retiring later this year. Dr. Fuchs has served for 37 years as an academic leader and faculty member at four different national research and land-grant universities, including the University of Florida in my district where his leadership and support will be sorely missed.

Dr. Fuchs has been a steward for public good and will go down in Florida's history as a testament to public service. Founded to serve the citizens of a growing state, the University of Florida (UF) has since become one of the nation's top public universities.

Born on an Oklahoma farm in 1954, President Fuchs spent much of his youth in Alaska before moving to Miami, where he graduated from Miami Killian Senior High School. Dr. Fuchs eventually made Florida his home, where his indelible impact is seen to this day.

During his tenure, UF has become a national leader in preparing the next generation of students for success. It was always his belief that public higher education was the incubator for personal growth and scholastic enrichment. Today, the University continues to be one of the most affordable universities in the nation, with UF's average cost of attendance lowest of the top 10 public universities. With his personal warmth, sense of humor and affection for students—personified in his annual April Fools' pranks and friendly, light-hearted presence on social media—Dr. Fuchs has become a beloved figure on campus, with students lining up to take selfies with him wherever he goes.

Most notably during his tenure, the university reached its longtime goal of joining the nation's top public universities, rising to join the top five in 2021.

Dr. Fuchs has strived to ensure Florida's bright future. In 2020, UF announced a groundbreaking partnership with NVIDIA that will catapult UF's research strength and build a workforce trained in the tools of Artificial Intelligence (AI). UF's creation of a model for addressing society's grand challenges through interdisciplinary collaboration is positioning Florida as a global leader in AI and attracting more high-wage jobs and industry to our state.

Today, UF has 4,642 full-time faculty, up more than 25 percent from 2014. Faculty have steadily increased their research excellence with research spending projected to approach \$1 billion this fiscal year. Under Dr. Fuchs' leadership, UF's faculty and staff have enhanced the university's educational, research, extension and clinical excellence, by increasing public and private financial support—all progress that continued despite the challenges of the pandemic in the past two years.

Over his long and distinguished career, Dr. Fuchs was appointed by President Obama to the National Science Board and served on the Internet2, Association of American Universities and Association of Public and Land-grant Universities boards of directors. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, and the Association for Computing Machinery, and has received numerous awards for teaching and research. President Fuchs earned his doctorate in electrical and computer engineering from the University of Illinois, and a Master of Divinity from Trinity Evangelical Divinity School.

On behalf of the Florida Congressional Delegation in the U.S. House of Representatives in the 117th Congress, we want to congratulate Dr. Kent Fuchs on his retirement after eight years of service with the University of Florida and thank him for his of public service to Florida and our Nation.

#### RECOGNIZING MRS. ALICIA CONDE

#### HON. DAVID G. VALADAO

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mr. VALADAO. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mrs. Alicia Conde for her 26 years of service to the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District.

Since 1992, Mrs. Conde has served as a dedicated public servant, working tirelessly on behalf of the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District. She has done critical work, such as overseeing the annual district crop survey program, managing the water billing and District Exempt Land Assessment tax installments, and maintaining the district's correspondence.

For decades, Mrs. Conde has been the first point of contact for anybody with business in the district. She has long been an excellent representative of the district, and a welcoming presence for those coming into the office. She has built longstanding relationships with landowners in the area and guided many of them through difficult regulatory changes over her years of service.

The loyalty and commitment to service by Mrs. Conde has been an inspiration to us all. I ask my colleagues in the House of Representatives to join me in recognizing Mrs. Alicia Conde for her decades of public service and contributions to the Central Valley community.

### PERSONAL EXPLANATION

#### HON. VICENTE GONZALEZ

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mr. VICENTE GONZALEZ of Texas. Madam Speaker, I was unable to cast my vote on May 18, 2022, for Roll Call Vote No. 218, Roll Call Vote No. 219, and Roll Call Vote No. 220. Had I been present, my vote would have been the following: Yea on Roll Call Vote No. 218, Nay on Roll Call Vote No. 219, Yea on Roll Call Vote No. 220.

#### COMMEMORATING DR. COY HOLCOMBE FOR 21 YEARS OF SERVICE AS SUPERINTENDENT OF EUSTACE ISD

#### HON. LANCE GOODEN

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mr. GOODEN of Texas. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the leadership and commitment of Dr. Coy Holcombe, who serves the Fifth District of Texas as Superintendent of Eustace ISD. An essential figure and true asset to our community, Dr. Holcombe is retiring after 21 years of service.

Dr. Holcombe began his career as an educator and coach in 1984 before joining Eustace ISD in 2001. His brilliance in finance and his leadership skills have not gone unnoticed in the community, especially during the trials of COVID-19. Dr. Holcombe has successfully maintained a healthy fund balance within the school district and navigated the community through student population growth over the years. His leadership during the pandemic was stellar in ensuring students' education, health, and well-being were properly monitored and prioritized. His dedication to every student within Eustace ISD will leave a legacy of excellence and compassion in the Fifth District of Texas.

I commend Dr. Coy Holcombe for his commitment to the students and families of Eustace ISD and for 21 years of hard work and service as Superintendent.

#### HONORING THE LIFE OF EARL PAUL KING, JR.

#### HON. CLAY HIGGINS

OF LOUISIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Tuesday, May 24, 2022*

Mr. HIGGINS of Louisiana. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commemorate the life of Earl Paul King, Jr., a man of great distinction whom I was honored to serve.

Earl was born in Dublin, Texas, July 8, 1944. He attended school and played football